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BUFFALO MAN SENTENCED ON MARIJUANA CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Santiago Gale, 38, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of maintaining a premises for the purpose of distributing marijuana, was sentenced to 24 months in prison by Chief Judge William M. Skretny, United States District Court.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duszkievicz, who handled the case, stated that on January 23, 2012, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's apartment and over 35 pounds of individually packaged weights of marijuana were found. In addition, law enforcement officers found packaging material, a digital scale, a small quantity of pills and drug ledgers in several locations throughout the apartment. AUSA Duszkievicz also stated that \$15,418 in drug proceeds were seized and forfeited.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell, and the Buffalo Police Department, under the direction of Commissioner Daniel Derenda.

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